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SUBJECT, NEW BURUNDI AMBASSADOR THE THE UNITED STATES

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1. LAURENT NZEYIMANA, BURUNDI AMBASSAADOR TO BELGIUM,
NETHERLANDS, U.K. AND COMMON MARKET AND AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE
TO UNITED STATES, MADE FAREWELL CALL JULY 26. AMBASSADOR
NZEYIMANA TOLD ME HE WILL RETURN TO BUJUMBURA THIS WEEK
FOR CONSULTATION AND HOME LEAVE AND PLANS TO ARRIVE IN
WASHINGTON AROUND AUGUST 20TH. HE EMPHASIZED THAT HIS
MISSION IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE TO EXPAND AND IMPROVE
THE GOOD RELATIONS THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES
AND BURUNDI. AS AN EXAMPLE, HE SAID THAT THE JOB OF
AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON USED TO INCLUDE THE ADDED
RESPONSIBILITY OF PERMREP TO THE UN; THIS IS NOW NO LONGER
THE CASE AND HE WILL BE ABLE TO DEVOTE FULL TIME TO U.S.
RELATIONS. AMBASSADOR NZEYIMANA IS ATTRACTIVE, INTELLIGENT
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AND FRIENDLY; HE SPEAKS ENGLISH HALTINGLY BUT IS

CONTINUING HIS STUDY OF THE LANGUAGE. HE ASKED FOR INFORMATION AND EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT WASHINGTON SCHOOLING FOR HIS FOUR CHILDREN: HE IS THINKING ABOUT PUTTING THE TWO ELDEST IN FRENCH-SPEAKING SECONDARY SCHOOL AND PERHAPS TRYING THE TWO YOUNGEST, AGE 8 AND 10, IN AMERICAN SCHOOLS.

2. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY'S BURUNDI DESK OFFICER (JAENEN) GAVE US FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON AMBASSADOR NZEYIMANA: HE IS VERY WELL-EDUCATED AND FRIENDLY TO BELGIUM AND WEST IN GENERAL. HE IS MEMBER OF RULING TUTSI ETHNIC GROUP BUT IS CONSIDERED BY BELGIUM AS A MODERATE RE TUTSI-HUTU ETHNIC FEUD. HE IS CLOSE TO PRESIDENT MICOMBERO AND THIS REPORTEDLY SAVED HIM FROM BEING SACKED BY TUTSI HARDLINERS FOLLOWING 1972 TRIBAL CONFLICT. JAENEN EMPHASIZED THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY VIEWED AMBASSADOR'S TRANSFER TO WASHINGTON AS IF NOT A PROMOTION AT LEAST A LATERAL MOVE OF EQUAL RANK (PARA 4 REFTTEL); HE REASONED THAT AMBASSADOR HAD BEEN IN BRUSSELS FOR OVER SEVEN YEARS AND "CAN'T STAY HERE FOREVER." JAENEN SAID THAT AMBASSADOR IS MARRIED TO CHARMING, OVERWEIGHT WOMAN, WHO IS MEMBER OF IMPORTANT TUTSI FAMILY AND WHO ATTENDS DIPLOMATIC RECEPTIONS DRESSED IN TRADITIONAL BURUNDI GARB. FIRESTONE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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